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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRAVEL BY SECRETARY TO INDIA

REF: COLOMBO 580 (NOTAL); KATHMANDU 849(NOTAL); STATE 44356 (NOTAL)

1. FOR INFORMATION OTHER SOUTH ASIAN POSTS, WE HAVE NOW INFORMED GOI THAT BECAUSE OF MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S TIME, HE HAS CONCLUDED IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT INDIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS HE HAD EARLIER HOPED. GOI HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT SECRETARY REMAINS CONVINCED OF IMPORTANCE VISIT INDIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT HE WILL BE TRYING SCHEDULE SUCH A VISIT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

2. SECRETARY HAD EARLIER CONCLUDED, IN CONNECTION WITH WHAT WAS CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR TRIP TO INDIA THIS SPRING, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY STOPS AT OTHER

SOUTH ASIAN CAPITALS.

3. WE ARE AVOIDING DISCUSSION WITH PRESS ON INDIAN TRIP.
WHEN ASKED WE INTEND CONTINUE SAY THAT WHILE THE SECRETARY
LOOKS FORWARD TO AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT INDIA, NOTHING
HAS YET BEEN SCHEDULED. KISSINGER

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